

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-7 (cancelled)

8. An analgesic and anti-inflammatory patch comprising, as active ingredients, benzocaine and an ingredient having a counter-irritation effect.

9. The analgesic and anti-inflammatory patch according to claim 8, containing benzocaine in an amount of 0.5 to 20 wt%.

10. The analgesic and anti-inflammatory patch according to claim 9, wherein the ingredient having a counter-irritation effect is at least one selected from the group consisting of l-menthol, dl-menthol, dl-camphor, d-camphor, methyl salicylate, glycol salicylate, mentha oil, eucalyptus oil, capsaicin, capsicum extract, and nonylic vanillylamide.

11. The analgesic and anti-inflammatory patch according to claim 10, containing the ingredient having a counter-irritation effect in an amount of 0.01 to 30 wt% when it is one of l-menthol, dl-menthol, dl-camphor, d-camphor, methyl salicylate, glycol salicylate, mentha oil and eucalyptus oil, or in an amount of 0.001 to 5 wt% when it is one of capsaicin, one of capsicum extract and nonylic vanillylamide.

12. The analgesic and anti-inflammatory patch according to any of claims 8 to 11, provided in the form of an aqueous poultice containing 10 to 80 wt% water.

13. An analgesic and anti-inflammatory patch comprising an aqueous poultice material containing 10 to 80 wt% water, 0.5 to 20 wt% of benzocaine, and at least one ingredient having a counter-irritation effect selected from the group consisting of l-menthol, dl-menthol, dl-camphor, d-camphor, methyl salicylate, glycol salicylate, mentha oil, eucalyptus oil, capsaicin, capsicum extract, and nonylic vanillylamide.

14. Use of benzocaine in the reduction of the skin irritation caused by an ingredient having a counter-irritation effect used in an analgesic and anti-inflammatory patch as an active ingredient.